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UM FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$150,000 GRANT FROM RICHARD KING MELLON FOUNDATION

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Foundation has received a \$150,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation of Pittsburgh, Penn., that will be used to support the work of the Wildlife-Wildlands Institute in Missoula.

The Mellon Foundation is a longtime supporter and principal benefactor of the institute.

The grant money is earmarked to cover the operating budget of the institute and help fund the research of UM Professor Emeritus John Craighead, the institute's founder and director. Part of the money will be used to track caribou and map their Alaskan habitat through the use of satellite data.

One of the nation's foremost wildlife biology researchers, Craighead is an internationally known expert on grizzly bears and bear habitat.

"John Craighead is one of the world's finest wildlife researchers, and this gift from the Mellon Foundation is evidence of its trust in the work of Dr. Craighead and his associates," said UM Foundation Executive Director Bill Zader. "This gift coincides with an increased public awareness of the plight of the grizzly bear and its vanishing habitat."

References to Craighead's research have appeared in recent articles about the plight of the grizzly, including the January issue of Outside

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magazine, the summer issue of Naturalist magazine and the February issue of National Geographic magazine.

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